

The Deer Park LEPC is a cooperative partnership between community, government, emergency response agencies, businesses, and industry striving to promote and maintain public health and safety by preparing for hazardous materials-related incidents as part of a comprehensive community program. Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by providing hazard awareness education, training exercises, emergency response plans and an emergency notification system.

DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

OF

A MEETING OF THE DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE DEER PARK CITY HALL, 710 E. SAN AUGUSTINE, DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON APRIL 23, 2019 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Public Comments on LEPC Mission/Function (3 minute time limit)

Minutes – February 2019

Financial Report – March & April 2019

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

2019 Volunteer Opportunities

2020 Calendar

Emergency Response/Transportation

2019 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2019 –May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24,
Oct. 22, Dec 3

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted April 19, 2019

TO: Deer Park LEPC

14-30

SUBJECT: Minutes April 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and Vice-Chairman Mark Turvey led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Jay Stokes introduced the following guests, Shandalyn Washington of Texas Molecular, Kenzie Copeland of the City of Deer Park, Michael Wong of Harris County Precinct 2, Hank Niscavits and Harold Scott of Dow Chemical, Brent Weber of Intercontinental Terminals, Jon Strohhahn of American Red Cross, Steve Mooney of Broker Detection and George Lane with University of California at Berkley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None given.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Buddy Rice and seconded by Norma Hysler to accept the minutes of February 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Andrew Smith to accept the financial report of February 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Jay Stokes, Chair had nothing to report.

Communications Chair, Robert Hemminger reported -

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents – None given.

Mr. Hemminger introduced Brent Weber of Intercontinental Terminals to update the LEPC on their March 17, 2019 Level 3 incident and the ongoing investigation, with some discussion and questions following. Mr. Weber first apologized to the Deer Park Community on behalf of ITC and all employees for the unfortunate event that is ongoing. He also thanked the community, Office of Emergency Management, the LEPCs, industrial neighbors, Harris County and the CIMA responders for their support and to the City of Deer Park, Mayor Mouton and Robert that supported ITC from the beginning.

Regarding the ongoing investigations, Harris County Fire Marshal, OSHA and Chemical Safety Board are involved. ITC's policy is not to comment on active investigations and all inquiries are deferred to the specific agencies.

Mr. Weber provided a current update on the cleanup. He stated that 99% of bulk product has been removed from the tank farm and two remaining tanks are now being cleaned. ITC is currently working with TCEQ, the EPA and several entities regarding the demo of tanks that still hold some material. Regarding the Ship Channel, the waterways are 99% clean, most of the boom is being removed and if not removed, it's in the maintaining mode rather than response mode and Tucker's Bayou is 95% cleaned. Dow has been extremely helpful in the cleanup of Tucker's Bayou.

Mr. Weber further stated that ITC is still in a Unified Command Setup at the Pasadena Terminal. EPA is on the scene with 51% of the control, with ITC and TCEQ making up the remainder. The Coast Guard operates under the EPA and Harris County is involved on the local side. Mr. Weber also advised regarding communications, ITC did use Emerge/E-Notify and are continually updating that. The incident will be kept at a Level 3 at this time. Early into the event we began State Holder calls four times daily with our industrial neighbors, conference calls that grew from 10 to 65 companies. The calls have been reduced to one call a day at 8:00 a.m. Overall, the communication between ITC and the City was good.

The plan forward is basically to remove the material from the last two tanks, cleaning them and moving to a demo stage relatively quickly. After that, a soil remediation plan will be implemented. Mr. Weber also advised that ITC is still several months before the tank farm will be completely demoed. Discussions are beginning to transition from a Unified Command Response to a Maintenance and Remediation mode.

Robert Hemminger gave an overview that all LEPCs' in the area have adopted E-Notify. The EHCMA standard is to get the initial notification out within fifteen minutes. This event was at twenty-one minutes.

Mr. Weber and Robert Hemminger then answered questions from the membership.

Chairman Jay Stokes thanked all First Responders involved in the ITC incident.

Community Awareness Chair, Christina Perez reported –

2019 Volunteer Opportunities – “The San Jacinto Festival was cancelled due to the ITC incident, now we are trying to participate in the Shell Fun Run. We have signed up for it, but we have zero volunteers. There are several more opportunities for 2019 which are on the sign-up page.”

2020 Calendar – “We're still working on the 2020 calendar and have chosen the theme of “Deer Park Now.” We'll be focusing on the different City Departments and we're getting a lot of help from Kenzie Copeland with the pictures for that. We're hoping to get the calendar completed earlier this year. If you want to send in photos, please send them to us.”

Emergency Response/Transportation Chair, Kevin Machemehl was absent. Mark Turvey, Vice Chair reported –

2019 Drill – “We’re on hold for right now. We had planned a May 1st Drill, but under the circumstances, we’re on hold.”

NEW BUSINESS

Whelen Siren Project – Robert Hemminger advised that during the ITC incident, they found that two sirens had battery issues. A purchase order has been issued to replace all of the batteries at all of the sites. Half of the equipment for the siren upgrade project has been received by the vendor and the remaining should arrive any day now and the upgrades will be scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EHCMA Representative Rick Deel announced a ‘Severe Weather Symposium’ to be held on May 30th, 8-11:30 a.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center.

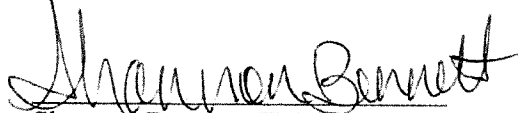
Harris County Industrial Liaison David Wade spoke on the concerns of the Credentialing System for essential personnel that Harris County has implemented. The concerns were noted and a reset discussion was held yesterday. It was decided to form a committee similar to what was done in 2005 with the old system. The credentialing system will be recognized during this hurricane season, even if it is expired. Rick Deel will be representing EHCMA on this committee. Some may have signed up for the new system, so it will be activated this hurricane season. He advised that this will be a work in progress and reentry is the focal point.

NEXT MEETING

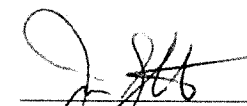
Jay Stokes announced the meeting dates of May 28th, after Memorial Day.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:


James Stokes
Chairman